



CRASH!

ACT 2 BRAND NEW HAPPY WAVE

STAGE 8



MAKES
A 3-
POINT-
ER!!!

CRASH'S
KAZU-
HIKO
MIDO-
RIKAWA...

Talking to myself ② (continued)

I decided to do some dancing because there
was no way I'd be able to get work done like this.



la
la
la



It looks weird, but it's also a
great way to fend off the
exhaustion when I have
to meet a deadline.



SFX: Fans screaming



"I'LL
BECOME
NUMBER
ONE
IN
CRASH."

"I
REALLY
LIKE
YOU,
YUI!"



KAZU-
KUN....!



SFX: RUFFLES

NOT BAD,
SO YOU
CAN TAKE
THE LEAD
NOW, EH?

uwah!

I'VE
SAID IT
BEFORE,
HAVEN'T
I?

I'M NOT
"KAZUHIKO-
CHAN"
ANYMORE!

eh.



RIGHT?

Shouldn't it be 'aura'?

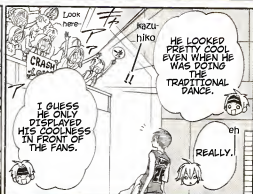
DON'T YOU GUYS THINK THAT KAZUHIKO'S "SCENT" HAS KINDA CHANGED?

FEELS SORTA MANLY NOW--



GO ASK HIM YOURSELF!

A LITTLE KISS LIKE THAT INCREASED HIS SELF-CONFIDENCE THAT MUCH?



Look here--

I GUESS HE ONLY DISPLAYED HIS COOLNESS IN FRONT OF THE FANS.

kazu-hiko

HE LOOKED PRETTY COOL EVEN WHEN HE WAS DOING THE TRADITIONAL DANCE.

eh
REALLY.



EVERYONE WILL BE SHOCKED BY HIS NEW IMAGE.

BUT NO MATTER WHAT,

SFX: fans
screaming

HE'S
RELIABLE,
OPEN-MINDED

AND SO
SINCERE.

HE DOESN'T
HAVE ANY
FLAWS!

...HAVE
YOU
PRAISED
YOUR
LITTLE
BROTHER
ENOUGH?

"DOESN'T
HAVE
ANY
FLAWS",
HUH...

HEY, I
WAS
BEING
SERIOUS!!





THAT'S
A
GIVEN,

'CUZ
HE'S A
MEMBER
OF
CRASH!

I WAS
WAITING
FOR YOU
TO SAY
THAT!!

haha
!



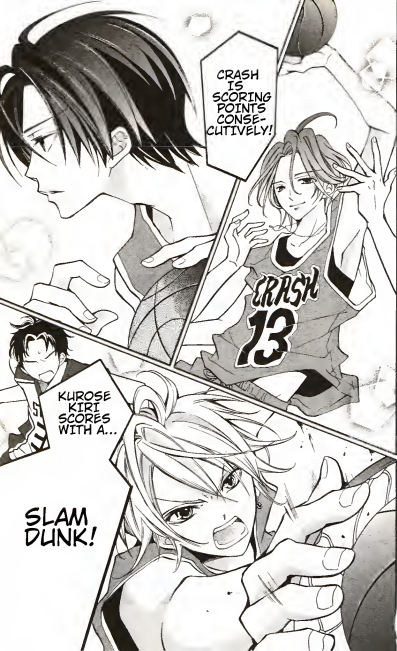
A dynamic black and white manga illustration of a basketball game. In the center, a player with short, light-colored hair is captured mid-air, performing a backflip while dribbling a basketball. He is wearing a dark jersey with the number 10. His expression is one of intense focus. In the upper right, a large, dark, circular shape with radiating lines suggests a bright light or a large crowd. Below the main action, two other players are visible: one with long, spiky hair and a headband, looking up in surprise, and another player in a jersey with the number 6. The background shows a basketball court with spectators in the stands.

THE SECOND
HALF
STARTS
NOW!!

CRASH
IS
GOING
ON THE
OFFEN-
SIVE!

LIWAAAAAAH~
AKAMATSU
JUNPEI!

DID HE
JUST DO
A
BACKFLIP
WHILE
DRIBB-
LING?!



CRASH
IS
SCORING
POINTS
CONSE-
CUTIVELY!

KUROSE
KIRI
SCORES
WITH A...

SLAM
DUNK!

THIS IS
CRASH'S
TRUE
ABILITY!!

Ah, I'm
nose-
bleeding...

THIS...
IS THIS
REALLY AN
IDOL
VARIETY
SHOW?

The
standard's
so high!



DON'T
PANIC, FOR
NOW...



dammit!

KAZUHIKO'S
3-POINTER
FIRED UP
THE REST OF
THE
MEMBERS...!

STX: slam

STX: whoosh

GO
IN!

WE'LL
USE
THE K
DEFENSE
FORMA-
TION!!

SFX: blocked

I... I CAN'T
BELIEVE
THIS...
STUDYS!!

LIKE AN
IRON WALL,
THEY'VE
COMPLETELY
BLOCKED
THEIR
OPPO-
NENT!!!

THIS ISN'T
JUST A
BASKETBALL
MATCH!

DON'T YOU
FORGET
THAT IT'S
A FIGHT
BETWEEN
IDOLS!

WHAT...

CRASH

WITH
THEIR
STRONG
ATTACKS,

SFX: Fans
Screaming

SFX: Swish

STUDYS
HAS
FINALLY
CAUGHT
UP!!

SFX: Swish

SFX: Inter-Cap

How...

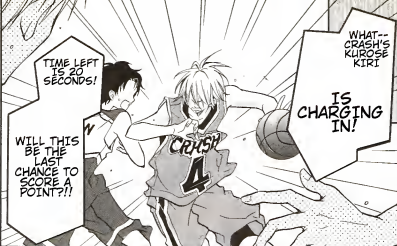
Amaz-
ing!!

HOW
COULD
THIS
HAPPEN?

The two of
them are so
mae...

Ah
~
THIS
DOESN'T
LOOK
GOOD...





THEN I
WOULDN'T
BE ABLE TO
LET
HER SEE...

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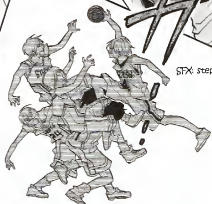
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!?

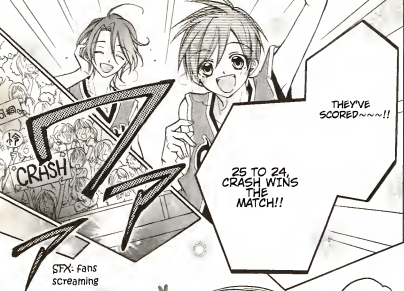
MY MOST
HANDSOME
LOOK-----

2



SFX: step





O...
OKAY!

SO YOU
CAN GO
TO THE
WAITING
ROOM
FIRST--

I'LL GO
THANK
THE
STAFF,

Super
happy

I'M BEING
HUGGED
BY HANA...

It's a
different
feeling
from a
concert!

IT FEELS
AMAZING TO
WIN A
MATCH!

spin

spin

STAFF

WHENEVER
HANA
DEALS WITH
CRASH,
SHE
WORKS
SO HARD...

SHINOZUKA-
SAN MUST
LIKE THAT
ABOUT
HER...

5 After the Taiwan Fansign ended, I shamelessly asked people to take me sightseeing.

Fortune-teller

I went for fortune-telling.

You will get married later!



ate steamed buns,

Delicious

and went to get a massage.



...That's right, the most memorable thing was the masseuse.

massaging her calves

uwaaah... so stiff!

too difficult

very hard!!

the masseuse who could speak simple Japanese



He said such things to me. My shoulders are really very stiff.

I even went to the Zoo, the night market and other places on my trip! All the food I tried were so delicious.

I want to come back to Taiwan with my family or friends.

Dear publisher, magazine editors, and everyone else who helped me, thank you so much!

There are a lot of people in Taiwan who wear glasses,

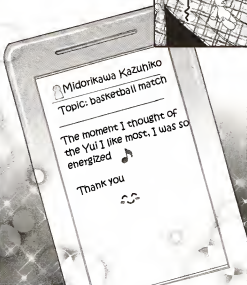


they look really stylish!



KAZU-KUN SENT ME A MESSAGE...?

BUT WHY WHEN THE MATCH JUST ENDED...?



KAZU-KUN...

THE
MESSAGE
HE JUST
SENT, AND
THE ONE
FROM THE
AMUSEMENT
PARK
DATE...

I STILL
HAVEN'T
DELETED
THEM.

THINKING
BACK ON
IT NOW,
KAZU-KUN
LIKED ME
FROM
THEN...

EVEN
THOUGH HE
KNEW...

THERE WAS
SOMEONE
ELSE I
LIKED,

KAZU-KUN
STILL ACCEPTED
THAT, AND TOLD
ME HIS
FEELINGS.



HE IS
SO
BRAVE,

AND
HE'S
REALLY...

SO
COOL.

doki~

I'VE ALSO
DECIDED...

bzzt

bzzt


bzzt

THEN I...

...SINCE
I'VE
ALREADY
REACHED
THIS
POINT,

Sakura Yui

Kazu-kun, I've deeply felt
all of your sincerity...!
It's also made me realize
that having this kind of
fickle attitude isn't good...

So I've decided to try my
best as well, and start my
attack 

TO TRY AND
TAKE
ACTION TOO!

MY
ACTIONS...
TURNED INTO
ENCOURAGEMENT...

DOES
THIS
MEAN...

YUI'S
GOING TO
CONFESS
TO REI?



oho.

IS ROMEO
USING THE
BREAK TIME
IN BETWEEN
RECORD-
INGS
TO SEND
JULIET
SOME
MESSAGES?

SHOWER
ROOM

!



WHY...

DID YOU
CHOOSE
YUI?

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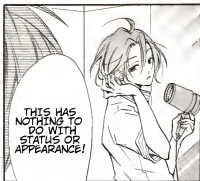
WE'RE
NOT...
ROMEO
AND
JULIET.



BASED ON
YOUR
STATUS,
THERE ARE
PROBABLY A
LOT OF OTHER
GIRLS TO
CHOOSE
FROM.

DO YOU
NEED ME
TO
INTRODUCE
SOME CLITE
MODELS TO
YOU?

TO BE
HONEST,
SHE'S
JUST A
NORMAL
GIRL...



THIS HAS
NOTHING TO
DO WITH
STATUS OR
APPEARANCE!



button
...

...IT'S NOT AS
IF I'LL FALL
IN LOVE WITH
HER JUST
BECAUSE
SHE'S A
MODEL.



I'M ONLY
ATTRACTED...

TO THE
PERSON I LIKE,
YUI!





SHINO-ZUKA!!

SFX: slide

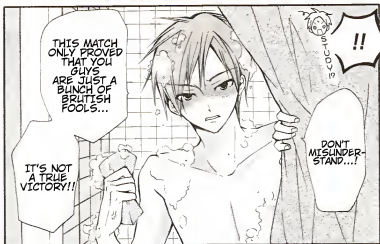
IS THAT SO?

REI, YOUR PASSES WERE REALLY GOOD!

YEAH.

WHATEVER THE CASE, WE WON THE MATCH! THAT'S GREAT!

yay



THIS MATCH ONLY PROVED THAT YOU GUYS ARE JUST A BUNCH OF BRITISH FOOLS...

IT'S NOT A TRUE VICTORY!!

DON'T MISUNDERSTAND...!



!?

NO.

WHAT? DO YOU GUYS KNOW EACH OTHER?

THIS GUY... YOU'RE ALWAYS LOOKING FOR A FIGHT.



CRASH
WAITING ROOM A





YEAH,

I'VE MADE UP
MY MIND
THIS TIME!

Heh
!

GETTING
DUMPED
IS THE
OBVIOUS
RESULT!

DESPITE
THAT, I
STILL WANT
TO CONFESS
TO
SHINOZUKA-
SAN!

ALL...

ALL RIGHT!

BUT
WHEN?!
AND
HOW?!

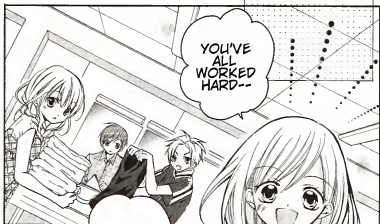
STAFF

I'M
SORRY!

I was too
absorbed in
my thoughts...

wait,
I'M
STILL
NOT
USED
TO
BEING
ALONE
WITH
HIM!

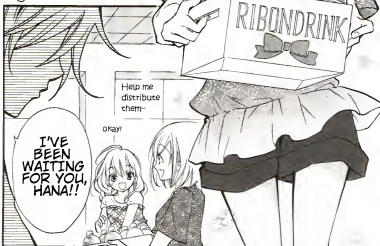
sfx: smack



Hu



There are
still a few
boxes in the
corridor!



I'VE
BEEN
WAITING
FOR YOU,
HANA!!

Help me
distribute
them--

okay!



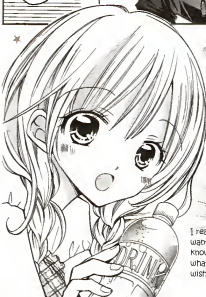
WHAT'S WITH THE POSE?

SFX: POSE

ウーハー

ALL THE FANS WERE HAPPY, RIGHT?!

YOU SAW MY AMAZING PLAYS TODAY, DIDN'T YOU?!



"OUR PROMISE" RIGHT?

yes, yes.

HEY! I WON'T LET YOU SAY YOU FORGOT!



oh, that's right!

I really want to know what his wish is!

HANA WOULD HAVE TO FULFIL HIS WISH!

IF KUROSE-SAN DID WELL IN THE MATCH,



Heh

heh

Fried ebiz Hamburger?

well,

WHAT IS IT?

SINCE WE WON THE MATCH, I'LL GRANT YOUR WISH.

Thank you
everyone for
your postcards!

6 The Q&A starts
here!




Q. What's the name of the
high school Yui and
Kazuhiko go to?

A. Though it was left out
throughout the manga, they go to
Ryosei High. On a side note, the
way Ryosei High group classes
depends on the students'
circumstances. Those with special
circumstances are grouped in one
class (Kazuhiko) and those who
come through normal entrance
exams are grouped in
another (Yui).

My own school had this system too.

Q. Can we write stuff other than
questions on the postcards?

A. O-Of course you can! Many
fans used the postcards to write
me messages! Some wrote
questions, some encouragement, I
welcome whichever type.

There were even some postcards
with  drawings on them!

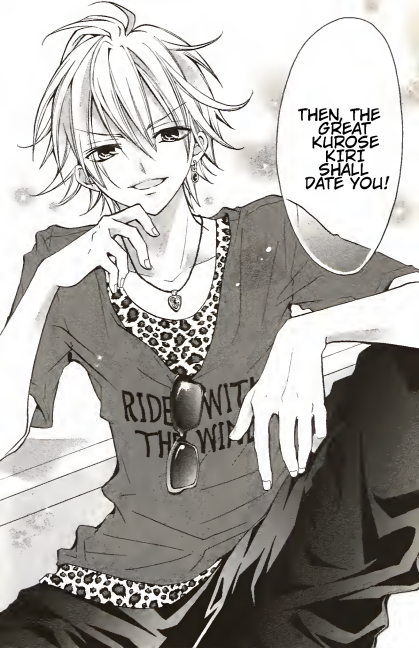
Q. What kind of clothes do you
like to wear recently?

A. I still like wearing Western-
style clothes! I have many pairs
of shorts too.



Oh that's right, I bought a coat
for autumn, but I only wore it
once, then autumn ended...!





THEN, THE
GREAT
KUROSE
KIRI
SHALL
DATE YOU!

RIDE WITH
THE WIND

eh, he finally
said it?

splash

O
W
A
H

KUROSE-
SAN...
IN FRONT
OF
EVERYONE!!





SFX: ears raised







THE 4
OF US
CAN GO
ON A
DATE,

EH?

HOW
ABOUT
THAT?



EH?

OKAY,
SOUND'S
GOOD!

It's decided
then~

AH...

sfx: annoyed



HOW
DID
THIS
HAP-
PEN

!!!!?





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